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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

SHULDINER et al.

International Appln. No.: PCT/US99/26019

Filed: Concurrently herewith

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For: GENETIC MARKERS WHICH IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO IMPROVE THEIR
DIABETES STATUS WITH EXERCISE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 16, 2001

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before Line 1, page 1 insert

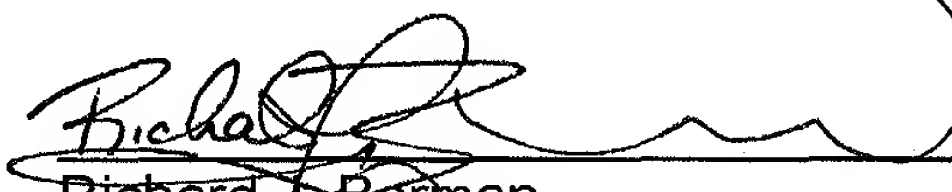
--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a National Stage entry of International Application No.
PCT/US99/26019, filed November 23, 1999 which claims domestic priority to
Application Serial No. 60/109,432, filed November 23, 1998, the entire specification and
claims of which are incorporated herewith by reference.--

REMARKS

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,


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